

Food Assistance Program

What it is:

The federal Food Assistance Program helps low-income individuals and families obtain a more nutritious diet by supplementing their income with food assistance benefits.

Who is eligible:

Individuals who reside in Washington State. You must meet:

- Income and resource requirements
- Citizenship or immigration status requirements

Income and resource requirements:

Your food assistance benefits are based on your family size and your family income. A family of three could have gross earnings of up to \$1,533 per month before they would no longer be eligible for food assistance benefits.

In addition to income requirements, your resources must be \$2,000 or less. Households with a person age 60 or over may have resources up to \$3,000. A resource would be things like checking and savings accounts, stocks, etc. Your case manager can help you understand what we count and why.

Who is not eligible:

- Fugitive felons and convicted drug felons
- Ineligible aliens

If you receive food assistance you must:

- Participate in the food stamp employment and training program if required
- Complete requested eligibility reviews
- Cooperate with Quality Assurance, if you are contacted by them





Food Assistance Program for Legal Aliens (FAP)

What it is:

A state-funded Food Assistance Program to provide benefits to legal immigrants who are residents of Washington State but are not eligible for the federal Food Assistance Program.

Who is eligible:

Legal immigrants who have legal standing to permanently reside in the United States. This includes many different groups of people that cannot all be listed here.

Income and resource requirements:

Income and resource requirements are the same as for the Federal Food Assistance Program.

Who is not eligible:

- Fugitive felons and convicted drug felons
- Ineligible aliens

If you receive food assistance you must:

- Participate in the employment and training program, if required
- Complete requested eligibility reviews
- Cooperate with Quality Assurance, if you are contacted by them